





# SAN JUAN BATTLE.

Enemy's Loss is Believed to Be Heavy; American Loss, Two Killed, Seven Wounded.

THE FIRING LASTED THREE HOURS.

The Spanish Batteries Were Not Silenced and the American Ships Were Not Injured.

Adm. Sampson Perfectly Satisfied With His Morning's Work—He Could Have Captured San Juan But Had No Force to Hold It.

quickly attended, the blood was washed away and everything proceeded like target practice. At 7:45 a.m. the Spanish gunners signaled "Cease firing." "Revere" was sounded on the Iowa and she headed for the shore. The Terror was the last ship in the line and failing to see the signal, banged away furiously for about half an hour, the contents of her guns roaring at her and the water flying high around her from the exploded shells. But she possessed a shamed look and reluctantly joined in.

As far as Matanzas, the unsatisfactory condition, the smoke and the distance, prevented any important conclusions being drawn. The town of San Juan had been bombarded from the hills above the hills, so the high shot must have reached it. No traces of the bombardment were discernible on the fort, except small fires, which were apparently extinguished before the fleet left.

## PROGRAMME CHANGED.

The Movements of the Fleet in West Indies Waters Caused a Postponement of the Invasion of Cuba.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—A complete change has taken place in the offensive plans of the government. The receipts of the New York Sampson of the attack on the forts at San Juan and the news of the actual presence of the Spanish flying squadron of Martinique, only 500 miles away from Sampson, and less than 1,000 miles

# VILAMIL'S FLEET.

It Was Sighted by the Harvard in the Neighborhood of Martinique.

## THE SQUADRON HEADING WESTWARD.

Capt. Sampson Leaves San Juan to Meet the Enemy and Give Him Battle.

A Decisive Engagement May Be Expected in the Next Day or Two—Description of the Next Fleet (Fever), Number of Vessels, Etc.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—The navy department was all excitement again Friday morning upon the receipt of the news that Adm. Sampson's squadron had begun the bombardment of San Juan de Porto Rico, and fuel was added to the flames when the news came later that the Spanish Flying Squadron had been sighted off Martinique, giving promise of heavy fighting to come.

It is surmised that Adm. Sampson's object in making the attack on San Juan, without a landing force of

towers, 10 inch armor. Her protected deck is built from two to three inches thick. She has two 12-inch Howitzer guns, mounted singly in turrets, one forward and one aft, ten 5-inch guns, five on each beam, the forward and aft ones being sponsoned eight 6-pounders ten 1-pounders, two Maxim machine guns, six torpedo tubes and two submerged torpedo tubes. She carries 454 men.

Armored cruiser Almirante General, built of steel, double bottom, two funnels, one military mast.

Armored cruiser Santa Maria Teresita, etc. Her tonnage, armor and armament in every respect is similar to that of the Vizcaya.

Armored cruiser Cristobal Colón, built of steel, twin screws, two forward barbettes fore and aft, two funnels, one military mast. Length 282 feet, displacement 6,840 tons, speed 20 knots. Her armor consists of a complete deck of steel 5 inches wide, 8 inches thick. The side of the barbettes is six inches thick. The protected deck is from two to eight inches thick, coming towards the sides in thickness. Ten 5-inch guns, ten 12-inch guns, six 4.7-inch guns, ten six-pounders, ten one-pounders, two Maxim machine guns and four torpedo tubes. She has a complement of 454 men.

The Terror and Furor are torpedo boat destroyers lately added to the Spanish navy, having been built at

## TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Friday morning the Flying squadron was ordered to put to sea. Destination not known.

Lloyd's agent at Martingaine confirms

that the Spanish fleet is at Fort de France.

At Athens a proclamation of neutrality in the war between the United States and Spain was gazetted Friday.

Fairings for 50 weeks were issued in the United States against 90 weeks and 24 in Canada against 31 last year.

The second Spanish fleet is still at Port de France, it is reported, waiting for a naval expedition to the Philippines.

The transport steamer Gassic landed

an American expedition at Cabana Thibault, after a lively engagement with Spanish forces.

While the navy department will not

officially admit the fact, a strong intimation is made that the Cape Verde fleet west of Martingaine.

Arrived at Martingaine, a formal report of the that the French steamer Lafayette landed gunners and supplies at Havana.

Firing was heard at intervals southward of the Cuban coast Friday afternoon, but it was too great a distance to determine the cause.

A special dispatch to London from

Havana says 900 Spaniards have been killed in a battle fought in the harbor of the latter city.

The London Evening News published

a dispatch Friday from St. Thomas saying San Juan de Porto Rico was

rendred at 6 o'clock Thursday even-

ing.

The Second regiment, Wisconsin

volunteers, received orders Friday to proceed to Cagayan immediately.

Arrangements are now being made for transportation.

It is officially announced that the

queen has accepted the resignation of

the earl of Aberdeen as governor general of Canada, to which office he was appointed in 1890.

The steamship Rita, with a

crew from the United States steamship Yale on board arrived at

Charleston, S. C., Friday, and is now at the quarantine station.

A special dispatch from Madrid says

arrangements were sent to the commander of the Case Verde squadron when the bombardment of San Juan de Porto Rico became known.

Col Irving Hale, of the First Color

Infantry, received orders Friday

from the navy department to proceed with his troops to San Francisco. They will probably start Saturday night.

Col Jones, quartermaster department of the Flatts, has just received instructions to provide immediate transportation for one regiment of Kansas volunteers from Topeka to San Francisco.

War Department plans for the immediate invasion of Cuba have been materially changed by the news of the presence of the Spanish fleet in West Indian waters. It will delay the movement.

Mrs Ruth Swan Morris, wife of the

renowned somber from Vermont, died

at her home in New Haven, Conn.,

Wednesday evening.

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